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1. The Projektierungs- und Konstruktionsbueros (PKMs) in East Germany are subordinate to the central planning apparatus.
2. At the head of the central planning apparatus is the State Planning Commission (SPC), which passes tasks and orders on to the Ministries and Main Administrations. Where certain designing (konstruktive) tasks have to be worked out, such as plans and designing for new plants or for plant expansion, the ministry or the Main Administration calls on the PKM, which was activated purely for this purpose. Thus, each PKM receives its orders only from a certain ministry or main administration. For example, the PKM attached to the Main Administration for Coal processes any work in connection with the processing and refining of coal (coking, hydrogenation, etc.) The PKB (Projektion Konstruktions Betrieb) of the Main Administration for Coal handles work in connection with the mining of coal. All other work of this type for the Main Administration for Coal is handled by the Central Designing Office which receives its orders directly from the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction.
3. The ministries and the main administrations are responsible for the PKMs, although the members of these groups are not actually employees of the respective ministry or main administration.
4. Tasks of a scientific nature are delegated by the State Planning Commission to ZAPT (Central Office for Research and Technology). Tasks connected with norms or standards (Standardisierung) are processed by the Office for Standardization (Amt fuer Standardisierung).
5. Orders for foreign designing work such as the planning work on the power installation in Berente, Hungary, must be entered in the Annual Plan. Such a project would then be passed by the State Planning Commission to the Main Administration for Coal and from there to the PKM.

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6. The extent, if any, of supervision by the Russians of the PKMs was not known. The Russians apparently influence the planning of the State Planning Commission, but definite physical supervision of the work in the PKMs has not been established.
7. In planning matters, ZAPT has a function similar to that of the Ministries and the main administrations, since it is responsible for ensuring that the research tasks of the State Planning Commission are fulfilled. ZAPT forwards the research tasks to institutes, to laboratories of VEBs, or to private scientists. ZAPT then supervises the work to ensure its completion on schedule and informs the State Planning Commission of the completion of the work. Employees of ZAPT do not carry out any scientific work themselves, but only act as middlemen for the State Planning Commission.

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